

From The Rector

Several months ago we formed a group to help in our ministry with the poor. They chose the name *Emmanuel Cares* and began working to identify people who needed assistance and had nowhere else to turn. We identified a number of intermediaries and quietly

informed them that we want to help financially. We also said that we want to enter into relationships so that they and the people they help will know that Emmanuel cares.

Since then we have helped a number of our neighbors in a variety of ways and, each time, deepened a spiritual friendship. We have helped young mothers get established in safe homes with sturdy nursery furniture. We have helped someone who literally lost his way get home to his family. We have helped hundreds of children through Boys and Girls Club get healthy snacks in the afternoons when school was out. We have helped individuals with a variety of special needs.

We don't use the word charity much anymore. Somehow it took on a negative connotation as good words sometimes do. Charity comes to English from a Latin word that can

mean *dear*. We want to help those who are dear to Christ. We need no more motivation than that. We *walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us*. I've been thinking that Emmanuel Cares would be a good mantra for us as we move forward together. We care for all those who are dear to God.

Emmanuel cares about all who seek a deeper relation with God and God's people. Emmanuel cares for our families with babies. Including babies on the way and under two years, I've counted fifteen who have attended services at Emmanuel in the past few months. Emmanuel cares about these families. We show we care by ensuring the nursery facilities are adequate. Emmanuel cares about those who have been faithful to Christ all their lives who are no longer able to attend and make their Communion. Emmanuel cares by taking Communion to them and visiting in their homes. Emmanuel cares about those who are new to our community and about those whose ministries have through the years been their witness.

I've been thinking about why I am an Episcopalian. The answer really comes down to this simple statement: I am an Episcopalian because Emmanuel cares.

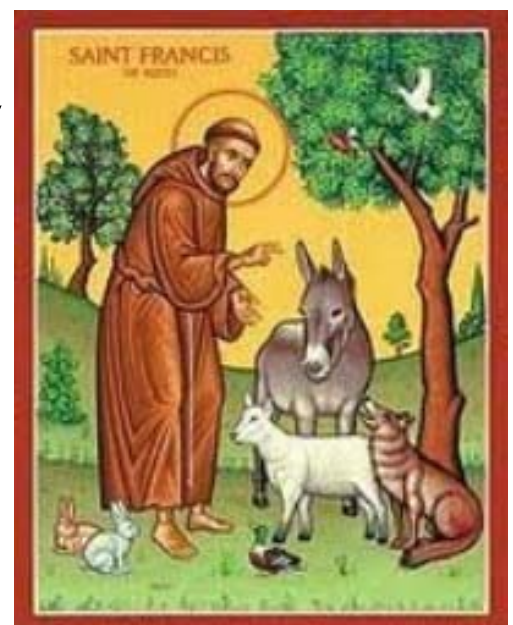
See you Sunday if not before.

Saint Francis' Day Pet Blessing

Tuesday, November 4
6:30 p.m.

Labyrinth

Please bring animals on leashes
or in appropriate carriers



Rhythm and Roots Sunday with The Rock Hall Ramblers

Band Members are Schéry Collins, Bass;
Canon Kathy Dunagan, Mandolin; Carolyn Haynes, Fiddle;
Bob Minke, Guitar; Susan Thomas, Dobro;
Teresa Spangler, Banjo



Flower Guild

The beautiful arrangement on the retable for the Sunday of Bristol Rhythm and Roots Reunion was there because two of our Flower Guild members, Hollie Lavinder and Mary Beth Rainero, offered their talents for the occasion. Additional Flower Guild members who have faithfully served in this ministry are: Jane Bachman, Anne Fleming, Barbara Sue Kurre, Ann Martin-Thomas, Jan Rainero, and Loretta Trayer.

If you are interested in flowers and would like to help arrange them, please contact one of the Guild members or the church office for more information.



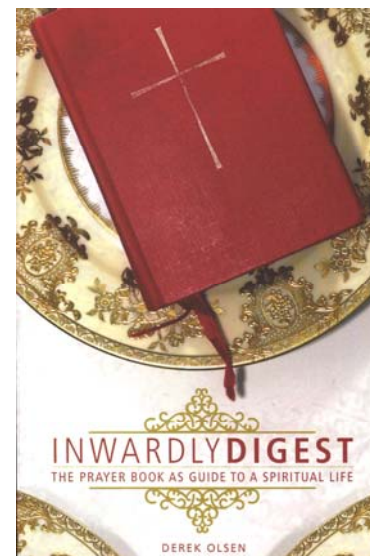
October is Soup Kitchen Month for Emmanuel. We help package the meals that are distributed to residents of Bristol, VA. The meals are prepared and packaged at the old Sullins College (United Company) building on Glenway Avenue. The Soup Kitchen recommends there be two volunteers per day. Work lasts less than 90 minutes starting at 9:15 a.m. weekdays. See John Simpson after services to sign up, or you may call the Parish Office.

The Rector Recommends

Inwardly Digest: The Prayer Book as Guide to a Spiritual Life by Derek Olsen
(Published by Forward Movement).

A number of us are reading this inspirational book by someone new to the Episcopal Church whose appreciation for Anglican Common Prayer should be read by every Episcopalian.

You can order it from forwardmovement.org or through the church office



SOCIAL CLUB

Tuesday, October 4 6:00p.m.

Join us for an evening of great food,
door prizes, and a
St. Francis' Day Blessing of the
Animals at 6:30 p.m.

2016 Social Club Dates
November 1, December 6



**Reminder to
Meals on Wheels Drivers**
Meals on Wheels will be
Wednesday, October 5
Thank you all for your ministry in our community.

2016 Meals on Wheels Dates
November 2, December 7

Wednesday Young Adult Formation

Everyone is welcome Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. for
Bible Study and Fellowship in the Parish Hall.

Childcare is provided. Feel free to bring your dinner and eat
in the Parish Hall prior to bible study.

Parish Life: Activities, Events, News

Polio Plus Benefit Concert

Emmanuel Episcopal Church is hosting a Vocal Benefit Concert featuring Rebecca Catalano on Friday, October 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The concert will benefit Polio Plus, a Rotary International initiative in collaboration with other organizations to rid the world of polio through immunization. Since Rotary introduced its PolioPlus campaign, the number of polio cases worldwide has dropped 99 percent, and the virus remains endemic in just three countries -- Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

This upcoming vocal concert will showcase music from a variety of composers, languages, and genres. Rebecca's command of vocal style is realized during her treatment of opera, the art song, and musical theatre. Rebecca will be performing "The Jewel Song" from Faust, various art songs by Brahms, Debussy, Fauré, and Schubert, plus some light-hearted selections such as "The Girl in 14G" and "Taylor the Latté Boy."

Rebecca Catalano received her AA in Music Education from Catawba Valley Community College where she was a proud member of the show choir Singular Sensations, and student of Michael Kirby for three consecutive years. After her graduation she went on to receive her BFA from Virginia Intermont College where she was blessed to appear onstage as many characters including Jo March (Little Women the Musical), Peppermint Patty (Snoopy!!! The Musical), Meg (Leading Ladies), and Claire (Neil Simon's Rumors). Rebecca rejoined Singular Sensations for a year in 2012 and won the North Carolina NATS Musical Theatre Competition that year. She took the stage with them once more in 2013 as Laurey Williams in Oklahoma! Rebecca is currently working as a professional vocalist and choreographer in the Bristol area.



Youth: Activities, Events, News



The Director of Formation Ministries

There are some important and exciting developments in youth ministry at Emmanuel to tell you about. I've put those at the end. But I've got to brag on our young people first. Would you bear with me while I did?

Last Sunday night, the Oakleys hosted our middle and high schoolers and their parents for a Backyard Bonfire. Ann has been working with me to garner support and input for regular and sustainable formation and fellowship with youth at Emmanuel, and this was our big kick-off. All the conditions were right for a fruitful night: beautiful weather, good attendance, great food, and a picturesque setting. I separated the kids from the adults after dinner, and each were asked to do some collective reflection on their own spiritual journeys and what youth formation they'd like to commit in the future.

Now for the bragging. We had a guest with us, a friend, which is always a welcome sight. Our guest not only gave the blessing for our meal, he suggested he'd like to be a part of a group such as ours, and challenged us not to shy away from the hard work of forming a consequential faith. I also took heart that it was the youngest of the youth the stepped up to keep them on task, be their scribe, and present their ideas when we gathered together again.

So what came of all this? The youth and their parents have committed to gather for what we'll loosely call "youth group" two Sunday per month. One meeting will be in a family's home, with rotating hosts each month. The other meeting will take us out into the community for fun and ministry. And several youth made it clear that this is only the beginning. They want and expect our community to grow in numbers and in how often we meet.

Society is changing practically in front of our very eyes. We lamented losing the time when we Sunday night EYC or youth group was the only game in town. Everyone came just because that's what you did. We'll have to do it differently today. We'll have to be intentional, cloaked in a deep sense of purpose. When people ask why we go to church or do youth group, we'll need to have an answer. When it comes to forming disciples, at least, we have wonderful Good News. And that is that we can do nothing good except through Jesus. It's the Holy Spirit that will set these disciples hearts on fire. We, the Church that baptized them and pledged to raise them up, are the scaffolding built around them for the Holy Spirit to do its work. There's room for every manner of gift in this work. Are you willing to lend a hand?

Peace, John Simpson

Youth: Activities, Events, News



October 6-8th

Cost: \$50, but assistance available, just ask
Two days in D.C! * Lots of sightseeing!
Acolyting, worship and exploring in the
highest cathedral in the U.S.

National Acolyte Festival

Depart: Friday morning, Oct. 6th

Return: Saturday evening, Oct. 8th

Sightseeing in D.C. Friday

Acolyte Festival Saturday

MEALS AND ADMISSIONS INCLUDED!

Q. Do I have to be an acolyte to go?

A. No! (but we'll train you if you'd like to learn!)



Vestry News

The August 15, 2016 Vestry meeting of Emmanuel Episcopal Church was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

Members present: Maggie Green, Fred Knickerbocker, Barbara Sue Kurre, Sharon Kyser, Jeremy McLaughlin, Doug Mitchell, Greg Oakley, Tom Rogers, Debbie Tidwell, Barbara Walling, and Michael Webb. Members absent: Audrey Zaidi

Guest: Major Sean Carrigan, BVPD

Opening Prayer

Minutes of the July 2016 Vestry meeting were approved.

Rector's Report—Distributed to the Vestry.

- \$8,400 has been donated for the repair of the chair lift
- The Evangelist stained glass window repair will begin within the next few weeks.

Director of Formation Ministries Report - Distributed to the Vestry.

Senior Warden Report

- Vestry retreat this Saturday, August 20, 8:00 a.m. at Jubilee House in Abingdon, VA

Junior Warden Report

- Door repair will begin within the next two weeks
- Chair lift repair will begin once all necessary components have arrived.

Treasurer's Report – No report.

Committee Reports – No reports.

Old Business – None.

New Business

- Major Carrigan from the Bristol Virginia Police Department presented information regarding proactive safety for individuals in the church.

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Parish Calendar

OCTOBER

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 5:00pm Holy Eucharist Bledsoe Chapel
2 8. & 10:30am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Faith Formation	3 7:00 p.m. Timothy Beal King Lecture Series	4 5:30 p.m. John Simpson's committee 6:00pm Social Club 6:30 p.m. Blessing of the Animals	5 Meals on Wheels 12:15pm Holy Eucharist 6:00 p.m. Young Adult Ministry 7:00 p.m. Choir	6 Acolytes at the National Acolyte Festival 10:00am Lectionary Study	7 Acolytes at the National Acolyte Festival	8 Acolytes at the National Acolyte Festival 5:00pm Holy Eucharist Bledsoe Chapel
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Birthdays, Anniversaries & Prayers

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jim Barber, Ruby Barber, Richard Barnes, Diane Bedwell, Carol Biegler, Walt Bressler, Sue Brickey, Barbara Bunn, Winifred Campbell, Ben Crenshaw, Sharon Cross, Ivy Daniels, Alva, Emma, Alan Kurre Elliott, Paul Fennick, the Rev. Ham Fuller, Ann Gillenwater, Annette, Sharon Hatcher, David Haynes, Will Haynes, Tom Hurt, Margaret Hutson, Michael Johnston, Chris Mallin, Gayle Mallin, Ann Martin-Thomas, Gordon McLarty, the Rev. Conrad McNeer, Jill Mendiljian, Claire Miller, George Miller, Frank Molteni, Dan Morgan, Mark Morgan, Rachael Morgan, Tony Morrell, Gerry Muncie, Jan Ransom, Jim Rodgers, Joyce Rodgers, Robert Rodgers, Denise Rowe, Norma Shew, and Sharon Slaughter

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Anita Makres
- 6 Lary Kuhnert
- 7 Joseph Slagle
- 8 Frank Winston III
- 10 James Heath
- 11 Will King III
- 16 Jade Carson
Corey Lavinder
- 17 Jim Hite
Reilly Vaughn
- 20 Lee Bud
Julia Callahan
Pam Rosenbalm
- 21 Virginia Simpson
- 24 Stefanie Green
- 28 Charlie Christ
Hollie Lavinder
- 29 Cher Marshall
- 31 Barbara Sue Kurre

Lay Minister Schedule & Propers

Sunday, October 9–21st Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 4:11–12, 22–28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12–17; Luke 15:1–10
 8:00 am Lector Frank Goodpasture III
 10:30 am Lector Ashely McLaughlin
 Intercessor Michael Webb
 Eucharistic Minister Daniel Shew
 Acolytes Hagan, Amelia, Judson, and Millie
 Ushers Ann and Greg Oakley

Sunday October 16–22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 8:18–9:1; Psalm 79:1–9; 1 Timothy 2:1–7; Luke 16:1–13
 8:00 am Lector David Taverner
 10:30 am Lector Jeremy McLaughlin
 Intercessor Mary Beth Rainero
 Eucharistic Minister Fred Knickerbocker
 Acolytes Tucker, Grace, Adilyn, Lana, Hagan, and Amelia
 Ushers Brad Adams and Jon Harden

Sunday, October 23–23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15; Psalm 91:1–6, 14–16 ;1 Timothy 6:6–19; Luke 16:19–31
 8:00 am Lector Dave Zochowski
 10:30 am Lector Barbara Simpson
 Intercessor Bob Hardee
 Eucharistic Minister Tom Rogers
 Acolytes TBD
 Ushers Cher Marshall and Brian Young

Sunday, October 30–24th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15; Psalm 91:1–6, 14–16 ;1 Timothy 6:6–19; Luke 16:19–31
 8:00 am Lector John Simpson
 10:30 am Lector Tom Rogers
 Intercessor Sharon Kyser
 Eucharistic Minister Tom Rogers
 Acolytes Daniel, Lola, Millie, Elayna, Judson, and Mayne
 Ushers Monica and Daniel Shew

OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Lisa & Doug Mitchell
- 3 Mary & Tommy Curtin
- 9 Joy & Guy Briggs
Baja & Elison Conrad
- 12 Diana & Johnny Fuller
- 29 Barbara & John Simpson
- 31 Tineke & Bill Marburg



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MESSENGER

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MESSENGER

The deadline to submit information for the November 2016 Messenger is October 14. Please be prompt.

Upcoming Youth Events

SUNDAY SERVICES
8:00 a.m. Rite I
10:30 a.m. Rite II
Holy Eucharist

SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION
9:15 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Youth Formation
9:30 a.m.
Adult Forum (Library)

WEDNESDAY
12:15 p.m.
Holy Eucharist & Prayers for Healing
Bledsoe Chapel

6:00 p.m.
Young Adult Formation
7:00 p.m.
Choir

BIBLE STUDY
10 a.m.
Thursday

SATURDAY SERVICE
5:00 p.m.
Holy Eucharist

Weekly Schedule



Fall Youth Event

For youth in grades 9-12

Abingdon/NRV

November 12

10am-5pm

St. John's, Wytheville

Winterlight 41

For youth in grades 9-12

December 27, 2016-January 1, 2017

Kanuga Conference Center

Hendersonville, NC

www.kanuga.org

For more information email emmanuelforma@gmail.com

Youth@Council

For youth in grades 5-12

January 27-29, 2017

St. John's, Roanoke